

# LIVING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE: ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES



## Worksheet 1

Nowadays, some people choose to live and work in the countryside. New ways of working, such as online working, have made it possible for more people to live there. There are both advantages and disadvantages to living in the countryside.

On the one hand, life in the countryside is very peaceful. There are less cars and that means that there is less noise, and that it is less polluted. **Furthermore**, there is more land available in the countryside, and people can often live in bigger houses or flats than in cities. **Finally**, it is easier to do a lot of outdoor activities such as walking or cycling if you live in the countryside.

**On the other hand**, life in the countryside can be boring. There are fewer restaurants, cinemas and shops to go to. **Moreover**, there is little public transport, which makes it difficult to get around if you don't have a car. **Finally**, you can feel isolated if you live a long way from other people.

In conclusion, there are both pros and cons to living in the countryside. **However**, in my opinion, the peacefulness of the countryside makes it a very attractive option.

1. How many of the ideas did you think of, before you read the essay?
2. Which words / phrases are used to show 'addition' of ideas, and which words / phrases show 'contrast'?

Addition	Contrast



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## Worksheet 2 Student A

Complete sentences 1 - 3.

Then tell your sentences to Student B. See if the sentences finish in the same way or not.

Listen to Student B's sentences 4 - 6, and tell him/her if the sentences finish in the same way or not.

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2. Playing football is an enjoyable hobby. Moreover, .....
3. On the one hand, some TV programmes can be entertaining. On the other hand, some of them  
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4. Computer games can teach you some useful skills. Furthermore, they are fun to play.
5. No evidence of alien life has yet been found. However, it might be found in the future.
6. On the one hand, London is a great city to visit. On the other hand, it's very expensive.

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(Reason 3):

Paragraph 3: Disadvantages

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Paragraph 4: Conclusion (*What is your final conclusion?*)

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## Worksheet 2 Student B

Complete sentences 4 – 6.

Listen to Student A's sentences 1 - 3, and tell him/her if the sentences finish in the same way or not.

Then tell your sentences to Student A. See if the sentences finish in the same way or not.

1. I like eating fast food because it's tasty. However, it isn't very healthy.
2. Playing football is an enjoyable hobby. Moreover, it keeps you fit.
3. On the one hand, some TV programmes can be entertaining. On the other hand, some of them are boring.
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